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GYUUU
Go! Go! GOMA-CHAN
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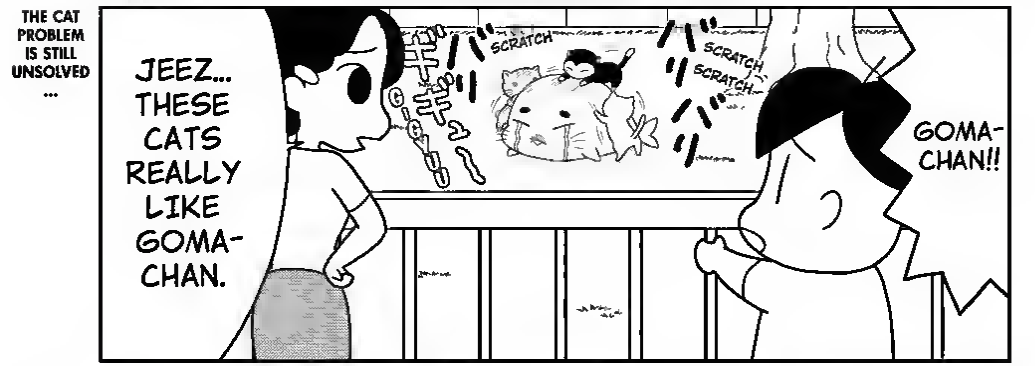
THE CAT PROBLEM IS STILL UNSOLVED ...
JEEZ... THESE CATS REALLY LIKE GOMA-CHAN.
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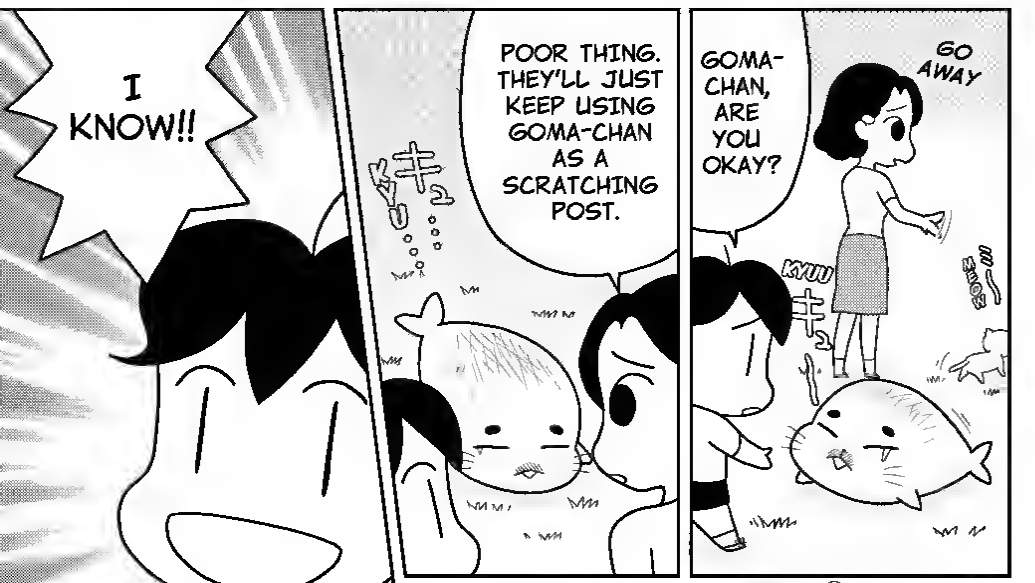
GOMA-CHAN!!


I KNOW!!
POOR THING. THEY'LL JUST KEEP USING GOMA-CHAN AS A SCRATCHING POST.
GOMA-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
GO AWAY
KYUU
SHOO!

...GRAND-PA'S GUARD DOG!!
KYU
I'M GONNA GO BOR-ROW...
YOU!
I'M SORRY. IT WASN'T ON PURPOSE.
YOU BUMPED INTO ME ON PURPOSE JUST NOW, DIDN'T YA?
IF APOLOGIES WERE ENOUGH WE'D HAVE NO NEED FOR COPS!!

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WHAT? YOU GOT A PROB-LEM?
WHACK

SSSHHH...
WHOA!
SWOOSH
TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
SORRY. HE'S JUST IN A BAD MOOD.
SWOOSH
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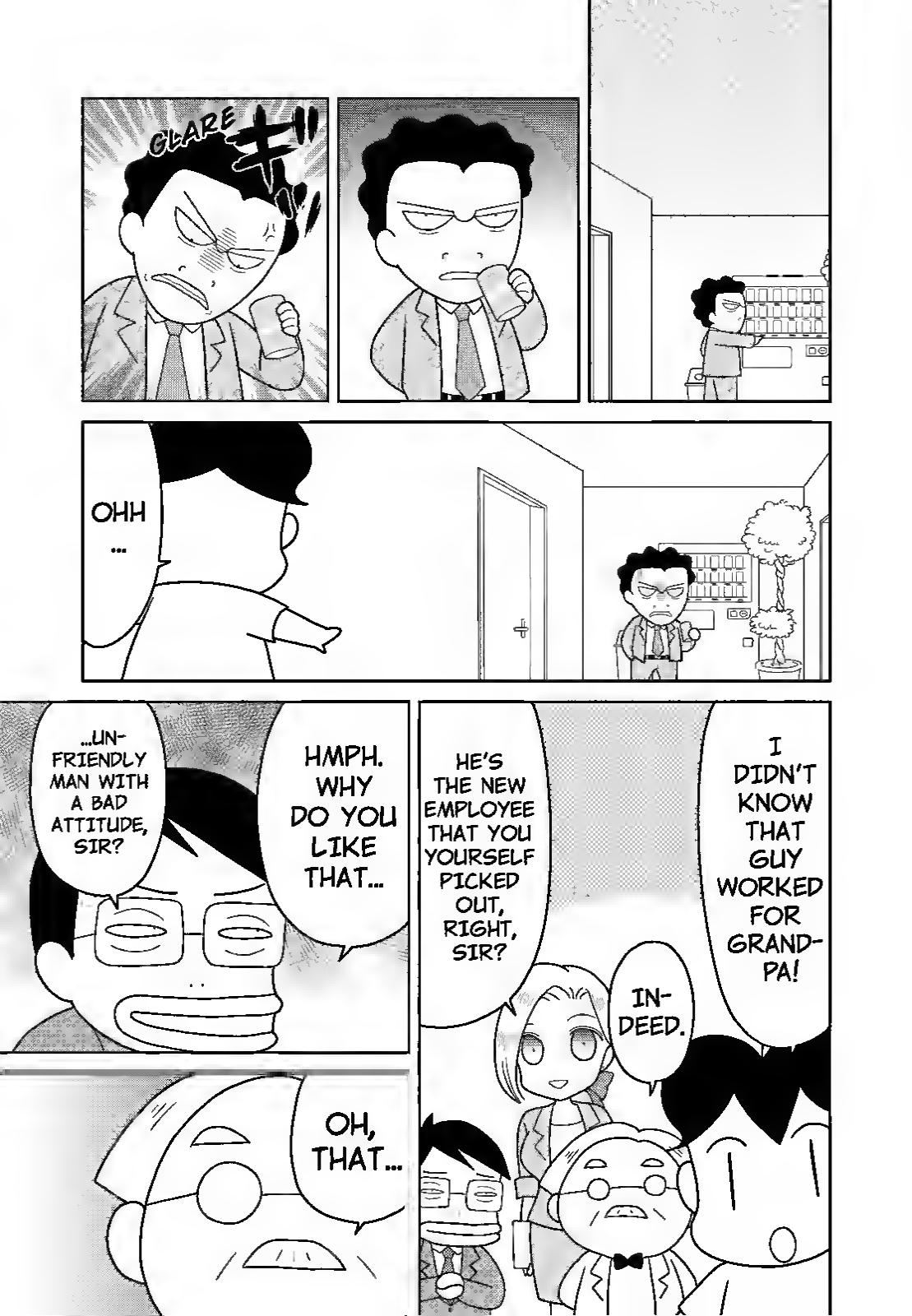
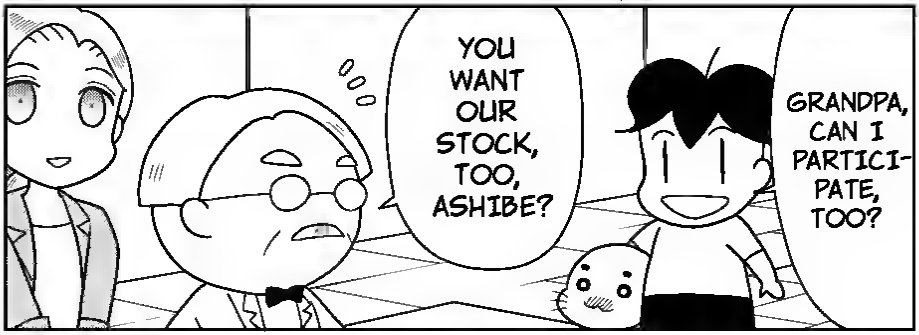
AMA-ZING...
KYUU

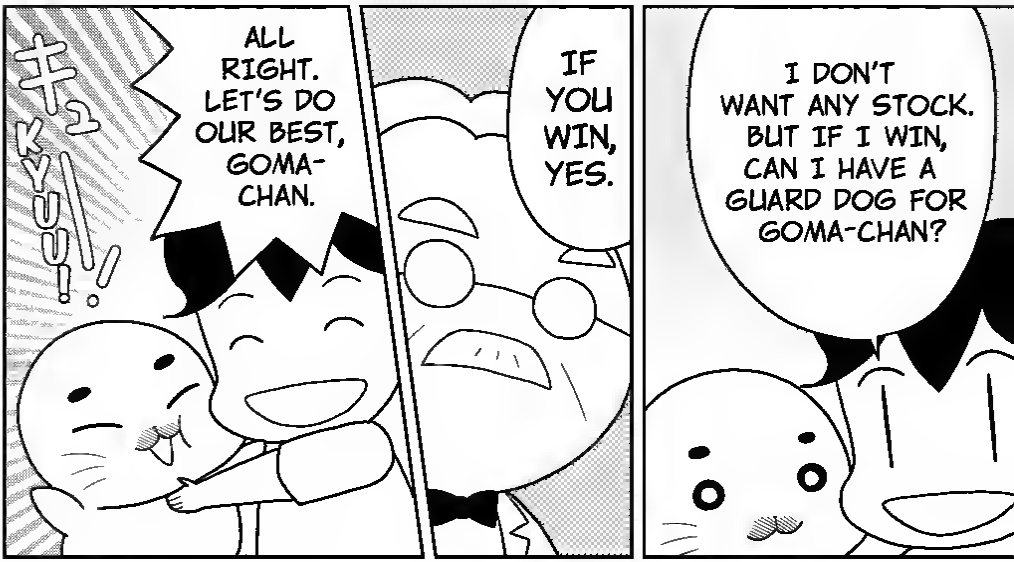

GLARE
OHH ...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT GUY WORKED FOR GRAND-PA!
IN-DEED.
HE'S THE NEW EMPLOYEE THAT YOU YOURSELF PICKED OUT, RIGHT, SIR?
HMPH. WHY DO YOU LIKE THAT...
...UN-FRIENDLY MAN WITH A BAD ATTITUDE, SIR?
OH, THAT...

TAKE A LOOK, SIR.
INTERVIEW WAITING ROOM
I MIGHT END UP LIKING HIM.
I DON'T LIKE HIM, EITHER.
CHEW
I DON'T LIKE HIM.
CHEW
WHAT? HE DOESN'T SMILE?
I GOT HIRED, TOO, SOMEHOW...
THAT'S THE REASON YOU HIRED HIM? A GUY THAT DOESN'T EVEN CRACK A SMILE...
I JUST CAME UP WITH A GREAT IDEA.
HOW INTERESTING.
HMM...
MAYBE EVERYONE THINKS HE'S UNAPPROACHABLE, PERHAPS?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER SEEN KANJI-KUN SMILE BEFORE.

LET'S START OUR VERY FIRST "WHO CAN MAKE KANJI-KUN SMILE!? CHAMPION-SHIP"!
SIR? WHAT'S ALL THIS?
IT'S SOME RECRE-ATION FOR THE STAFF.
1ST WHO CAN MAKE KANJI-KUN SMILE!? CHAMPIONSHIP
THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.
YOU CAN USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY. THE ONE WHO MAKES THAT NEW EMPLOYEE, KANJI-KUN, SMILE FIRST IS THE WINNER.
BY THE WAY, THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE...
CHATTER...
CHATTER...

WOOOOOOW
...10% OF OUR COMPANY'S STOCK.
BAM


YOU WANT OUR STOCK, TOO, ASHIBE?
GRANDPA, CAN I PARTICI-PATE, TOO?


ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO OUR BEST, GOMA-CHAN.
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IF YOU WIN, YES.
I DON'T WANT ANY STOCK. BUT IF I WIN, CAN I HAVE A GUARD DOG FOR GOMA-CHAN?

GLARE
SNEAK
WHACK
なんで？
SNICKER
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HEY, LISTEN.
YOU'RE ACTU-ALLY INTO THIS.
YOU CAN... HEAR MY VOICE... SECONDS LATER...
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KYU KYUU!!
HERE WE GO, GOMA-CHAN.

MUNCH
KYU
KYU...
SHOVE...
SLAP
KYU
CRACK
THRUST...
SLAP
KYUU
KYU

AH!
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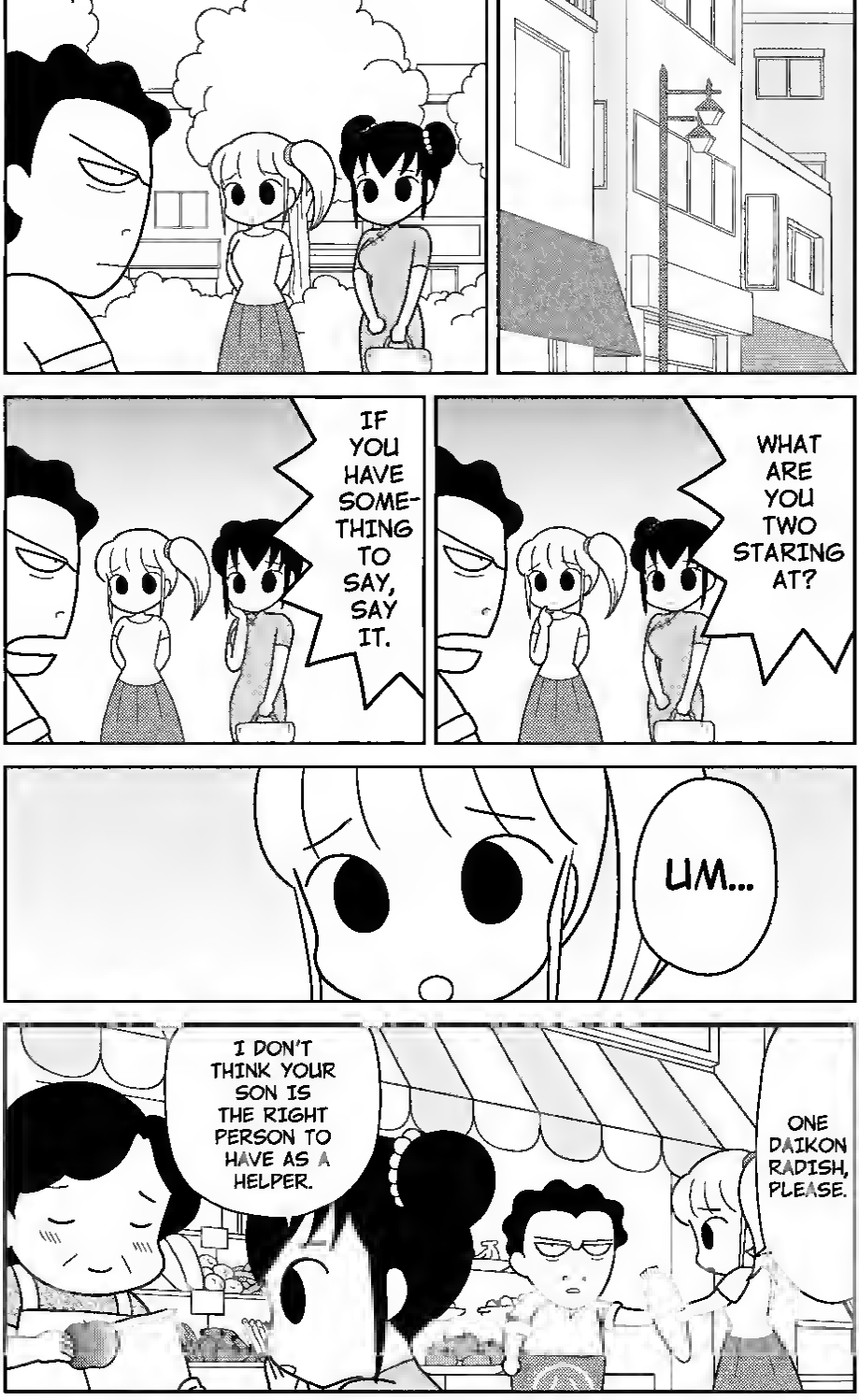
IF WE DON'T GET YOU A GUARD DOG, THOSE CATS ARE GONNA SCRATCH YOU AGAIN!
DON'T GIVE UP, GOMA-CHAN!
CATS...!
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE TO MAKE THAT GUY SMILE.


IF YOU HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY, SAY IT.
WHAT ARE YOU TWO STARING AT?
UM...
I DON'T THINK YOUR SON IS THE RIGHT PERSON TO HAVE AS A HELPER.
ONE DAIKON RADISH, PLEASE.

SO, KANJI-KUN'S FAMILY OWNS A VEGETABLE STORE...
...
BUT I WILL NEVER GIVE UP.
KANJI-SENPAI.
WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT?
WE WOULD LIKE A PICTURE OF YOU FOR THE CLUB.
YOU ALREADY TOOK ONE EARLIER.
WE WOULD LIKE A PICTURE OF YOU SMILING.
MEOW

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KYUU
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW

KANJI-KUN IS CUTE!!